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- (See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.)*
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 2. Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
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(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (*if filed*)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
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 4. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) **Figs. 1A-22F** [Total Sheets 17]
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 6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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In re New **PATENT** Application of)
Shunpei YAMAZAKI et al) Attn: Applications
Japanese Priority Application No. 10-374848) Branch
Japanese Priority Date: December 28, 1998)
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE) Date: April 19, 2001

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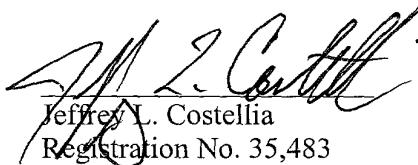
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Sir:

Applicant hereby claims foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119 based upon the following foreign patent application:

Japanese Application No. 10-374878 Filed December 28, 1998.

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